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#### MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

There were several minor disturbances in this city between soldiers and negroes last Sunday night. The police were equal to the occasion, arresting a negro who was charged with assaulting a soldier and stopping other disturbances brought on by soldiers who attacked blacks in retaliation for the assault on their company.

Later Captain Johnson, of the Alexandria Light Infantry, with thirty members of the company began to "round up" soldiers who had come here from neighboring camps and ordered them to leave immediately for their quarters. This ended all semblance of further trouble.

The number of soldiers who visited this city yesterday afternoon and last night showed a decided falling off, but rumors were circulated to the effect that certain visitors of this class who were in the city Sunday night had threatened vengeance on negroes. In order to be prepared should any attempt be made to carry out such a threat, the Light Infantry were kept under arms during the night. They marched through certain streets, but there was nothing for them to do, as the city was normally quiet. Later a detachment of artillerymen from St. Asaph came here for the purpose of "rounding up" members of that command who were visiting the city. Everything was conducted in a quiet and orderly manner.

There was nothing in these proceedings upon which to base the long articles published in papers in other cities which make it appear that Alexandria is in a ferment, that race riots had occurred and others were imminent.

During our civil war it was an ordinary occurrence to see patrol guards from camps outside the city enter Alexandria and take charge of members of their commands and escort them back to camp. At times patrol guards would line up every soldier they met and march them out of the city. Such guards never interfered with the authorities. Similar proceedings were inaugurated Sunday night and last night.

The actual disturbances Sunday night were of no more serious than those which often happen among Alexandrians. There was a fight in the northeastern section of the city between several soldiers and a negro, during which one of the former was struck by a brick. This brought on two or three other breaches of the peace between soldiers and negroes, but nothing of a serious nature, as members of the police force were "on the job" and nipped the disorders in the bud.

We enter our earnest protest against the articles published in newspapers in other cities which make it appear that our quiet and orderly city is convulsed by race riots. Several visiting soldiers, looking for trouble, found it and one came out of a fight second best. This is about all there was to it.

The authorities anticipate no further disorders. Soldiers who cannot deport themselves properly will be kept out of the city by their superior officers, and should overt acts be committed the offenders will be taken in charge immediately.

#### WEAKENING GERMAN LINE

Upon one point practically all military critics who have any intimate knowledge of conditions on the western front agree. The Germans may hold out for a long time yet, the advance of the Allies may be slow and difficult, but in man power and in artillery power alike the Allies now have the superiority, and their success is only a question of time.

The Philadelphia Ledger says the news of the last few days all justifies this conclusion. No German counter-attack has had anything but a momentary effect, or has turned the tide from their strategic object. The situation cannot be measured in terms of territory taken. The main purpose is to inflict the greatest possible loss upon the Germans with the least possible loss to the British and French, and this purpose is being effectively carried out. It is a process which takes time. The choice of Ypres as the point for the new offensive is dictated by obvious reasons. Whatever ground is gained here is a step toward forcing the retirement of the Germans of the sea coast, and capturing their naval bases. But even if this object is not attained for the present, there is every reason for confidence that the beginning of the end has come.

The Philadelphia Record in this connection says Germany has no longer any hope of winning the war with its armies. Last winter it hoped that the submarine campaign would disable England before harvest, and so oblige the allies to stop resisting its invasions and encroachments. The submarine has failed. England has gathered its harvest, and imports more food than a year ago. Nothing is left to Germany except to hope that the allies will tire out first. The allies are infinitely better able to continue the struggle, financially, militarily, navally and economically, than the Germans are, with Austria not pulling her own weight in the contest, and Bulgaria and Turkey merely burdens to be staggered under.

The allies will not give up. Germany will have to. If it knew the facts it would give up before winter. It is gradually learning the facts.

#### HATERS OF HOME LIFE.

The Galveston News asks, What has become of the old-fashioned family man who used to come home before supper and stay there until after breakfast?

The Apostle Paul in the first chapter of his Epistle to the Romans indicates the world in the following words: "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, haters of good, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection (or unlovable), implacable, unmerciful."

We have often thought that the words "haters of home life" might be added to this universal indictment, although the charge "without natural affection" probably covers this hateful phenomenon.

Someone has said that before a man marries a woman he cannot keep away from her, but when the knot is tied it is difficult for his spouse to keep him near her. Hence many a woman is often deprived of much-needed rest in awaiting the slow movements of a husband who is wont to spend the first half of the night away from his home.

Old women as well as wisewomen among the other sex often abound in sage sayings respecting the composition of a would-be benedict, and warn young women to marry only men possessed of certain instincts. The best recommendation of a young man about to embark upon the sea of matrimony is that he is a lover of home life, or of domestic tastes.

#### MARTIN WITHOUT OPPOSITION

(Richmond Virginian)  
Three-score and ten years young bearing the burdens of senate leadership with all the ease and efficiency long experience and peculiar fitness for the work confer, Senator Thomas S. Martin will, in the good year 1918, doubtless receive another and an exceptional honor at the hands of the people of Virginia.

Unless all portents fail the senior senator is scheduled to be renominated and re-elected without opposition for the term beginning March 4, 1919.

An "achiever of results," Senator Martin today looms larger on the national horizon than ever before. A man of few words—but those to the point; of great and untiring industry, prompt to recognize the sentiment and the needs of the nation, he has towered far and away above many who have filled page after page of the Congressional Record with long-winded speeches.

The historian of the future, when he sits down to winnow the wheat from the chaff in legislative enactment during the world crisis and the period of our country's peril, will discover that in every hour of need, in every crisis, Virginians have been found in both houses of congress stoutly, fearlessly and without exception upholding the nation's honor, back-standing the nation's president, and providing liberally for the nation's defense.

And no man in either branch of congress or in any department of government has been more diligent, more consecrated to his country's service, more ready to spend and be spent for its safety than the senior senator from Virginia, who has the high honor in this hour of America's leader in the United States' senate.

Discussing the probability of Senator Martin's unopposed re-election, the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun, an especially well-informed writer, says:

"It is not believed in Washington that any man of sufficient prominence

in Virginia could be induced to oppose Martin in a Democratic primary."

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Under the above heading the Gazette will be pleased to give reasonable space to any person who desires to make comment upon matters of general interest to the public. Writers will of course be responsible for their utterances. As a guarantee of good faith, the name and address of the writer of any article submitted for publication will be required in each instance.—Editor Gazette.

#### Editor Gazette:

Will you please publish the following and correct what gives a wrong impression. In last night's Gazette the name of Harry C. Mankin was given as not answering the summons of the draft. He is "somewhere in France" with the boys of the United States and has been for sometime. Please correct the impression of his being a "slacker," or dodging his duty.

Mary E. Smith.

(The name appeared in the regular official list as given to the Gazette for publication. We are glad to give space to the statement showing that he is already doing his duty.—Editor Gazette.)

#### BLAMES POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Acceptance of Rev. J. C. Holland's Resignation Rescinded When Minister Alleges Politics Play Part.

Danville, Va., Aug. 14.—Despite rumors to the contrary, Rev. J. C. Holland, pastor of Keen Street Baptist Church, denies that he has severed his connection with the church, but stated that his resignation had been rejected by the board of deacons. Inquiry made of one of the members of the board of deacons revealed the fact that after the morning service Sunday, Rev. Mr. Holland proffered his resignation, which was accepted by the board. Later in the day another meeting was called, and the minister is alleged to have said that rumors of his ill health were unfounded, but that the acceptance of his resignation had been brought about by a political movement.

In the light of statements made by the minister, the board rescinded its previous action and he was reinstated as minister. A direct statement which might explain the cause of the minister's resignation has not been secured, but a member of the board of deacons said that the harmony in the church had been disrupted ever since the minister entered the political field when he became a candidate for Mayor, nearly a year ago.

#### WOMAN SAVED CHILD.

Grabbed Tot From in Front of Train, But One Was Struck by Step of Passing Car.

Philadelphia, Aug. 14.—Although a heroic effort was made to save his life, 3-year-old Joseph Tempkowski, of the rear of No. 4331 Cresson street, was instantly killed last night when he was struck by the step of a passenger coach on the Reading Railway at the Cotton street crossing. The boy's skull was fractured and he died while being carried into St. Timothy's Hospital.

The boy and a playmate were skylarking on the tracks and failed to see the approach of the express train. Mrs. Sophie Govecker, of No. 181 Gay street, saw their danger and heroically dashed to the crossing, where she grasped the two children under her arms. The plucky woman leaped from the tracks just as a southbound express train sped by, but a protruding step of a passenger coach struck the Tempkowski boy on the head.

The uninjured boy was taken to his home and the little victim rushed to the hospital. Persons who witnessed the accident declared both children would have been ground under the wheels but for the presence of mind and heroism of Mrs. Govecker.

#### NINETEEN PERSONS KILLED

Forty Injured When Trolley Cars Crash in Head-on Collision.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 14.—Nineteen persons were killed and more than 40 injured when two cars on the Shore Line trolley crashed head on yesterday evening at north Bradford, fifteen miles east of here. The crash, early reports stated, was due to reckless trolley manipulation. Both cars were wrecked. It took place on a single track of the Shore Line which runs between this city and New London, through Guilford, Saybrook and Madison. A car speeding from New Haven smashed into one from Guilford for New Haven.

One of the cars should have waited on a switch for the other. The crew of each car blames the other for the wreck. Officials of the company declare the car from New Haven passed a turn-out where it should have waited. Instead it had just rounded a curve and was dashing down grade

at terrific speed when it struck the car from Guilford.

At 10 o'clock last night nineteen bodies had been taken from the wreckage.

Many of the dead were terribly mangled and hardly a person on either cars escaped injury.

#### SURGICAL DRESSINGS.

To be Furnished to 188 Battleships and Destroyers.

Washington, Aug. 13.—At the request of William C. Braisted, Surgeon General of the United States Navy, the American Red Cross has called upon ten of the larger chapters of the society nearest New York to supply at the earliest possible moment surgical dressings for each of 188 battleships and destroyers. Each ship will require thousands of compresses and bandages, the entire consignment making a total of more than six hundred thousand surgical dressings.

The surgical dressings are to be prepared by the women workers in the Red Cross Chapters at Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Atlanta, Boston and the Northeastern Division, these chapters being chosen because their proximity to New York will expedite delivery. It is expected to fill the order within the next ten days.

#### BANNER IS SNATCHED.

Suffragists' Pickets Lose Three in Attempt to Taunt Executive as "Kaiser."

Washington, Aug. 14.—Suffragists from the woman's party headquarters attempted twice late yesterday to station themselves before the White House gates with banners addressed to "Kaiser Wilson." A laughing crowd saw the first banner that appeared carried off by a naval blue-jacket, who said he wanted it for a souvenir. The others were brought up a few minutes afterwards, only to be forcibly appropriated by civilian employees of the War and Navy Departments. The President and Mrs. Wilson, on their way to Fort Myer to attend the graduation exercises at

#### WHY IS A PHOTOGRAPH AND HOW?

Episode No. 4.

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Individuality of pose.—

Is as expressive —

Of you.—

As that of —

Your facial expression.—

You and I —

Not only —

Appear differently.—

From any other —

Individual.—

But —

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## SPECIAL NOTICE!

The Chamber of Commerce of this city has requested the co-operation of all the Real Estate Agents in Alexandria, in an effort to locate a large number of new workmen to be employed at the Steel Plant near Giesboro. In compliance with their request I therefore urge and request all property owners in the City of Alexandria, whose houses are vacant, to send a description of the same to this office, which property will be listed with the Chamber of Commerce.

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